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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Bernard Plovnick, Director, Determination of Need Program

DATE: April 15, 2015

RE: Long-Term Care Beds

The purpose of this memorandum is to update interested parties regarding the filing of an application for Determination of Need for new long-term care beds.

As the surplus of nursing home beds has continued to increase over the past two decades, the Department has extended the filing date for new nursing home beds seven times since the last filing date in 1990. Based on Department licensure data, current utilization and 2020 population projections, the existing number of licensed long-term care beds operating in Massachusetts exceeds the 2020 projected need by over 7,000 beds. As a result, there is currently no need state-wide for new long-term care beds.

Notwithstanding the fact that 105 CMR 100.302(D) indicates that the filing day for new long-term care beds will be the first business day of May, beginning in 2015, in accordance with 105 CMR 100.301(B) the Department will not accept any applications on that date because of the absence of need for additional long-term care beds. The next filing day for new long-term care beds will be the first business day of May 2016, by which time the Department expects to issue additional guidance on the need for such beds.

Please direct any questions or comments about this memorandum to me at bernard.plovnick@state.ma.us.